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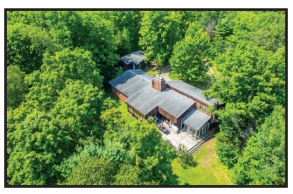

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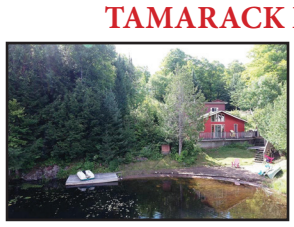

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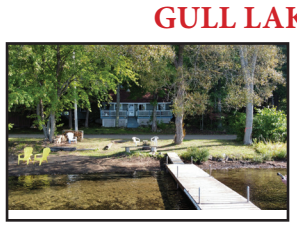

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The Studio Tour – Haliburton Highlands is a long running, annual, county wide celebration of the visual arts and creative process, offering a unique opportunity for visitors to meet a variety of local and guest artists in their studios, some of whom are only open to the public during this event. As always, the Tour is an educational event showing visitors how the artists live and work.

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We continually strive to bring you new and exciting artists, and The Studio Tour 2023 is no exception. Artists new to the Tour this year are Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon – metal embossing, Corin Ford Forrester - fine art photography, Tracey Lee Green - contemporary nature painting, Terry Lawrence - wood vessels, and Isabel Neveu-Geene – pottery and sculpture.

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For visitors, The Studio Tour offers a chance to discover new and returning artists, add to art collections, and experience the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands while taking in the spectacular Fall colours. With so much to see and explore, visitors are encouraged to plan their route in advance and take advantage of the many resources available on our website "thestudiotour.ca" or the new Toureka! app (toureka.app) available on the App Store or Google Play. Toureka! offers an interactive map with driving directions to all 23 studios featuring our 38 artists. Brochures with maps are also available at many local businesses.

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Buying joy at Pottery Lane

CHRISTINE CARR

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Yael Novak is pictured with her pottery. /CHRISTINE CARR Staff

Pottery Lane, nestled alongside Soyers Lake at 1009 Osprey Road, is allowing visitors the chance to "buy joy" as they peruse the whimsical yet practical collections created by potter Yael Novak. Inspired by her Grandmother's old-fashioned pots, her pieces are designed with both practicality and fun in mind.

"My inspiration was from my grandma's pots and pans … that's where it all started, the old-fashioned pots and pans my grandma had. I added a contemporary twist … and some more decoration and some polka dots. When customers come in here they say, 'oh, you're the polka dot lady!'" said Novak.

Novak has been creating for 17 years in Haliburton, with her studio open during the tour for the last 15 years. Novak loves seeing returning and new customers and sharing her work with them throughout the summer months.

"I just continue doing things that are dear to my heart, and this is what I love doing. It is very nice and peaceful and rewarding. I have customers that come through that door and they smile. It gives me a lot of pleasure seeing that smile. When I ask, they say, 'this makes us happy'. This is rewarding. Hard work is rewarding. I will continue what I am doing, what I love doing," she said.

Novak believes that art should be fun, and that can be seen in many of her designs, including her newest line featuring bicycles. Adding new designs each year, her pieces are created to complement each other, so that customers can continually add to their collections.

She began working with clay after an experience during a sabbatical from her former career teaching highly gifted intellectual children art and how to use art to handle difficult situations in their lives. During a sabbatical, she took a class in working with clay, and the rest was history.

"On a sabbatical, one of the courses that was offered was clay, and I took it. I told the principal 'I need another year off,' and I went back to school. That was after I already had three children, so I have been doing this for about thirty years as a second career," said Novak.

Though she is most famed for her fun and whimsical designs, Novak has a more serious side as she spends the winter months delving deeper into the intellectual side of designing. As she spends her summer designing the pieces seen in her studio at Pottery Lane, her winter months are spent creating and designing sculptures with key messages for her audience. These sculptures combine porcelain with found objects and can be found in museums around the world, including the Gardiner Museum of Art in Toronto.

"I do sculptural and idea-oriented pieces ... we live in an era of excess, so I combine porcelain pieces on the wheel with found objects, which is also a matter of recycling, and filtering and sifting. The idea behind the sculptural pieces is about only keeping the important things," said Novak.

Balancing the two worlds of sculpture design and practical pottery is a fine balance, but Novak enjoys the two lines of work and having the opportunity to continually push herself and learn new things.

When asked what advice she would give to new and upcoming pottery enthusiasts, Novak expressed the importance of continually learning and pushing yourself. To her, pottery is about staying connected and continually learning.

"Be persistent. Don't despair. Don't be insular. In other words, meeting with other people. Open your head to new ideas … and meeting new professional people. Be in a professional community so you can exchange … and absorb ideas. Participate in conferences and workshops. It really expands your world and your knowledge because we work on our own. We are basically working on our own; go out there and meet other people and other professionals to exchange ideas and to be more in line with new ideas and new things that are happening in our profession. There are huge things that are happening. Go out there; investigate and learn," said Novak.

Novak can be found at 1009 Osprey Road and is looking forward, as always, to welcoming new visitors and sharing her artwork and collections with them. Her love for her practice shines through in the pieces she creates, and returning visitors and those new to her work can experience that first hand during the Studio Tour.

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Paradigm designs turning metal into art on Kash

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Located on a small slice of serenity on Kashagawigamog Lake, Susan Watson Ellis and Todd Jeffrey Ellis have created the perfect backdrop for their studio Paradigm Designs. Specializing in metalwork and jewelry, the couple have been creating together at 1018 Cane Lane for almost 20 years.

A jeweler since the late 1970s, Susan Watson Ellis creates every piece of jewelry by hand and is passionate about her craft.

"I moved to Toronto from a small town and I saw people selling jewelry on the street and thought, 'I didn't know you could make your own jewelry'... so I became interested in it then and said … 'I'll buy a piece if you show me some stuff.' By the time I finished university I was ready to go into jewelry making full time," Susan said.

Todd Jeffrey Ellis was also inspired by the work of other creators. "I saw a video of silversmiths of Williamsburg making a beautiful teapot and went 'Gee, if they can make that in twenty minutes, I think I'd like to do that' and found out it took many, many days if not months. But I fell in love with being able to take a flat sheet and raise it up into a very useful form," he said.

Jeffrey learned his craft in the 1990s, taking classes in Toronto and Haliburton and attending the Ontario Academy of Art and Design in Toronto. Both Jeffrey and Susan believe in continually learning, often traveling to places such as New Jersey, Kansas, and Boston to take courses.

Jewelery by Paradigm Designs. /Submitted

Continually creating their own artwork and designs as well as teaching courses at the Haliburton School of Art and Design, the skills of the two artists complement each other well. A perfect pairing, Jeffrey enjoys creating larger works while Susan prefers the jewelry design.

"Usually what happens is when he decides something is his thing, such as forming … it is kind of redundant if I do it too … so we kind of went in different directions in that respect," said Susan, explaining how they make the perfect team.

The pair met while working and living in Toronto at Second City. Jeffrey was the stage manager while Susan was the waitress. "We kept bumping into each other," Jeffrey said, laughing. They decided to settle and create their studio in Haliburton as Jeffrey's family had owned the land upon which the studio now sits since the 1930s.

Jeffrey spoke about why they chose to settle their business in the Haliburton area. "My parents bought it off my Great Aunt back in 1956 and I spent my summers here, so I … kind of figure I grew up here in that respect. It was the best place to grow up. I always wanted to build my own house, so I designed and built this place … there's a lot of family history here," he said.

The pair gets their inspiration in different ways. "I am very fashion-inspired… going into it in the first place, I was very into fashion. Wearing stuff that looked good, you felt good in, and you could accessorize and you could say a bit about who you were by what you choose to adorn yourself with," said Susan.

> *"I get my inspiration for my art from what is happening in my life at that moment. I like to express it through a piece of art."*
>
> — Todd Jeffrey Ellis

Jeffrey is inspired more by the practice of creating. "I just like the idea of being able to make useful things, like a teapot or the mugs, the martini picks. I also like to adorn. I've taken up engraving … I like to decorate things and that is why I do my artwork. I get my inspiration for my art from what is happening in my life at that moment. I like to express it through a piece of art."

Both spoke about why they have continued creating for so many years. "I've always enjoyed creating stuff … it's just what I do. If I sit I feel like I'm wasting my time," said Susan.

I like meeting people and the challenge of taking a flat sheet and turning it into something very useful and pretty and beautiful. That to me is the joy of my life," said Jeffrey.

Participating in the Studio Tour since 2006, both hope to continue for many more years yet. "Our plans are to just keep going. I do the one of a kind shows in Toronto, and I'm sure this studio will exist longer than I can keep going to Toronto," said Susan.

The studio is open year round. After Thanksgiving it is open by chance or appointment as they continue their learning and teach courses at the college. You can learn more by visiting their websites at paradigmjewellery.com or silversmith.ca/, or by stopping by their studio at 1018 Crane Lane, which will be open for visitors during the studio tour.

Corin Ford Forrester is pictured with her work, Botanical Observation #4. /CHRISTINE CARR Staff

Land Is key for Corin Ford Forrester

CHRISTINE CARR
County Life Staff

When you arrive at Corin Ford Forrester's up and coming photography studio in Algonquin Highlands, the first thing you notice is the peace and serenity of their 97 acres. The second thing you notice is the welcoming committee of her three-legged husky, Silver, who firmly believes in vetting all visitors.

For Forrester's photography, land is key, and her new studio on Tulip Road creates the perfect backdrop. New to the Studio Tour, Forrester excitedly showed off her studio in progress, located in the property's original frame house built in the 1930s. The character and charm of the original house perfectly complements her love of nature as shown in the photography hanging on the walls.

Focusing on nature photography, Forrester has always been fascinated by blending multiple photographs together and started doing so in the dark room at the Fleming College Haliburton School of the Arts + Design.

"Quickly I realized that I needed more creative control and more fine control, and so I started working digitally … and now I layer and blend all the photographs I take of nature and landscape. I blend them together … and the process feels a lot more like painting now. I go into the brush tool and slowly erase information and reveal the second texture through the first texture," said Forrester.

With a degree in microbiology from the University of Guelph, Forrester acknowledges that as much as the world and photography and microbiology may seem different, the combination makes a lot of sense. Getting in close to the natural world, she now uses photography to examine the natural world rather than a microscope.

"I go through phases and stages of interest. When I started out, I had a more direct environmental message in mind, and I was blending the human form kind of as a Mother Earth character … and so the photographs tended to be more landscapes, both urban and industrial, or natural," she said.

With the move to Haliburton, more recently Forrester said she has switched to looking more closely at the trees and leaves, reflecting the natural landscape found around her home and region.

"It is nice to get in close, and also, it speaks to my interest in encourage people to look a little closer. The idea of … two different perspectives of the same leaf, the micro and the macro, and the two different views kind of force you to slow down and look at the photograph very differently," Forrester said about her art.

Growing up with an artistic family in the country near Westport, Forrester always enjoyed taking photographs and was heavily influenced by her parent's artistic endeavors. With an artistic mother and a photographer for a father, art has always been central to her life.

"We had five acres that my parents owned but there was hundreds of acres of wildland behind that. We had the run of the place, so I was used to nature … My mother is a textile artist. We have similar themes; she works a lot with water and landscapes and trees and leaves, and there are overlapping themes," said Novak.

Forrester was looking forward to making a change in her life and after taking a trip to New Zealand, she described how the incredible landscapes inspired her to fulfill her dreams.

"I was looking for a change in my work life and I went away on a trip to New Zealand. There was a fabulous landscape here and that was kind of what got me interested. When I came back that's when I went to Fleming and decided to study photography," she said.

With an eye to the future, Forrester is hopeful that her business will continue to grow in the Highlands. She looks forward to growing her studio and to the opportunities offered through teaching courses at the HSAD, having begun teaching some of the same courses she took as a student, such as a photo arts course and a summer course about photographing the natural world.

Forrester looks forward to sharing her artwork with everyone at the upcoming studio tour where she will be sharing the space with her mother, Stephanie Ford Forrester, whose work you can see at stephaniefordforrester.ca/. To learn more about Corin Ford Forrester's artwork, you can visit her website at corinfordforrester.com/ or visit her studio at 1528 Tulip Road in Algonquin Highlands.

Arboreal Observation #2 by Corin Ford Forrester.

Renée Woltz Pottery

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Jewelery artist Susan Watson Ellis holds up a pair of earrings at her home studio. /CHRISTINE CARR Staff

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Encouraging creativity

KATE BUTLER
Special to *County Life*

I think that most people would agree that the Haliburton Highlands is a community filled with creative people.

This weekend, I saw participants in the museum's annual scarecrow contest at Colourfest exercising all kinds of creativity. Some had come with plans for their entries ahead of time and while others improvised on the spot.

We saw everything from scarecrows with one of a kind painted jeans to pirate scarecrows and even a scarecrow who came with her own entire back story, which quite impressed the judges.

This fabulous display got me thinking about how we can encourage and support the creativity which has so long been a part of our community.

In Haliburton, in the early 20th century, there was a young woman who was recognized in the community as a talented artist and musician. While there were certainly others in the community who took part in artistic pursuits, this particular woman broke the mold when she headed to Toronto to attend the Ontario College of Art.

Of course, this was decades before anyone even thought of Haliburton School of Art and Design, so it was necessary to travel for this sort of training. Canada's art scene at the time was still male dominated and this young artist was one of the first women to attend OCA.

Her work would come to be compared with that of Tom Thomson - before she'd seen any of his work! I wonder what the chatter around town at the time she headed to Toronto sounded like. Was everyone cheering her on? What sort of dreams did she inspire in other local young budding artists?

In Toronto, she would go on to become one of the most respected art teachers in the city, even teaching at the Toronto Art Gallery (today's AGO). In spite of this, her heart remained in Haliburton and the Highlands featured prominently in her work over the decades. Eventually, a local gallery in the village would even be named in her honour.

Yes, that artist was Ethel Curry and, as many of you will likely already know, due to a variety of factors, that gallery will sadly be closing its doors late next month.

For decades, the gallery has provided a place for local artists working in a wide range of media to showcase their work.

Encouraging and supporting creativity is at the core of what they do there, and I am certain that the team from the gallery will continue to do that in their future ventures.

Supporting creativity can take all sorts of shapes and forms. If you're able to purchase pieces and attend events, please do (and remember that that doesn't necessarily have to involve a huge monetary commitment), but also remember that you can help people promote and showcase their work and share words of encouragement.

If you hear about something creative going on, check it out. Take curiosity and an open mind with you.

Remember to also make time and space for those who are just starting out on their creative journey, whatever their age.

There can be no doubt that the Haliburton Highlands is a creative community, but it's important that we nurture that creativity and never take it for granted.

Top 10 reasons to continue wearing shorts

NOW THAT autumn is finally here, each of us must decide when the right time is to retire our shorts for another year. This is obviously a personal choice but, for those looking for an excuse to continue wearing them, here are the top 10 reasons.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They are not really shorts so much as long pants that got caught in the lawn mower.
2. Desperately want to show off your matching kneecap tattoos.
3. Leg hair coifed to perfection.
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"We are very excited to partner with such an engaged business and we love the renewed energy that Delancey Sports is bringing to our Pro Shop," says Doug Wilkinson, owner of Sir Sam's. "We look forward to offering an incredible service to our visitors this season and we know this is just the beginning of many fun things we have planned with Delancey."

In addition to the Pro Shop, Delancey Sports is re-imaging Sir Sam's merchandise which will be available for purchase in the Pro Shop itself, at Delancey's and online. "We can't wait for everyone to see the designs we've developed for the merchandise this season," said Erika, owner of Delancey Sports, "My partner Joshua (Karam) and I have developed classic looks with a retro feel which we think plays homage to the love and passion that everyone has for Sir Sam's."

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The Ski Swap is back.

The autumn leaves were on full display for people, who walk down the ski hill at the Annual Open House and Fall Festival last year. /FILE

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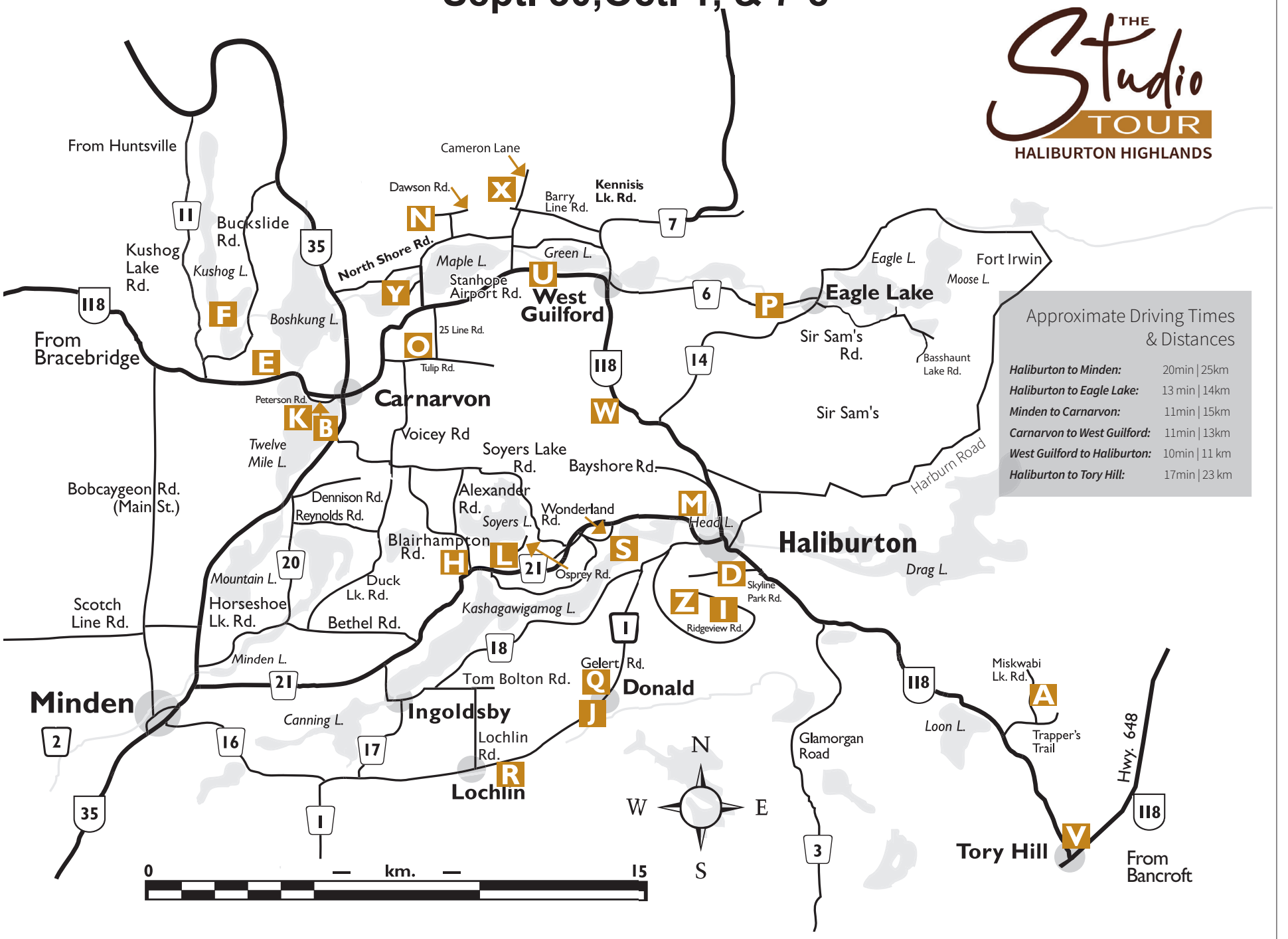

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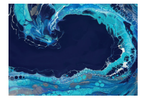

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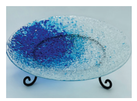

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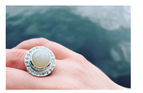

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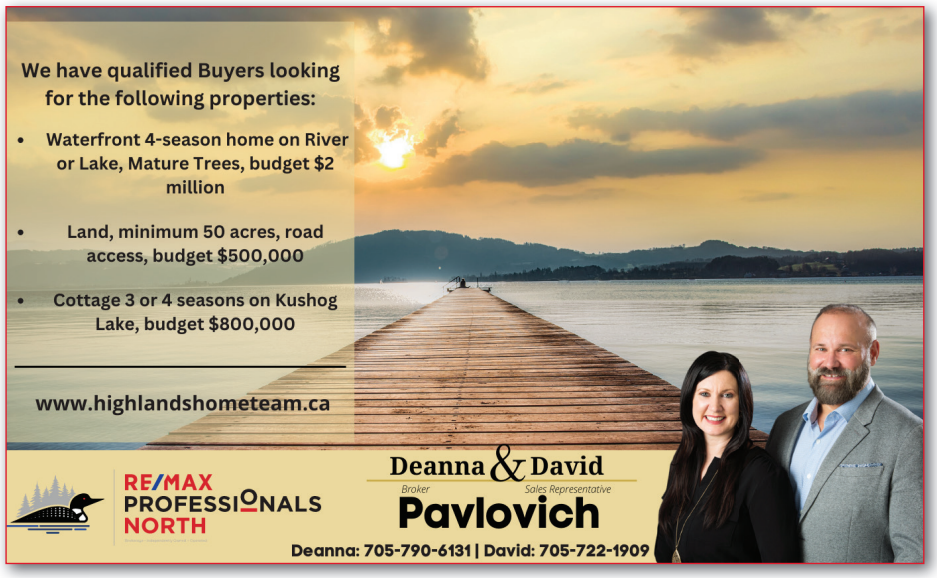
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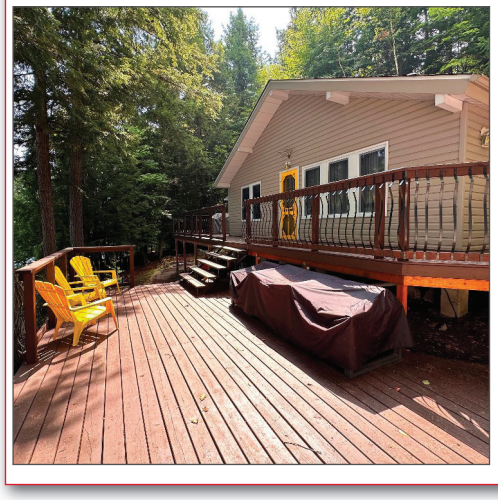

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that dance across the mirror of River, like staccato notes of a silent symphony,
seaweed, swaying below, Sun, brushing the spines of reeds,
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their green faces, fraying around the edges, like the leaf I twirl in my hand,
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at the forest of reeds, growing on the other side,
fringing the curve of River, as far as my eyes can see, a sudden gust of Wind,
rippling through them,
as they bend and sway, bowing to the invisible force that slices
through their stillness,
shattering the mirror of River, scattering the light, like shards of glass,
this whirling dervish of Wind that leaves as quickly as it arrives,
rumpling the River, slithering through the reeds, feeling it blow through me,
as I watch the River smooth back to glass again,
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its land legs, paddling underwater, with lightness and ease, the green of its shell,
blurring with the reflections of trees, as it swims towards the middle of the Lake,
sinking deeper into the water, until it vanishes from sight, like the face of Moon,
illuminating a distant night, with its light.

Sylvie Kalenda

Coming full circle: From intent to action

The Connections Committee: People with Lived Experience and Service Providers Connecting Around Mental Health & Substance Use is planning an in-person community education event for Oct. 18 at the Minden Community Centre.

The upcoming education session, entitled From Intent to Action, is the third event in an ongoing community education series focusing on working with people with lived experience with substance use and mental health challenges. It will focus on empowering people with lived experience to be involved in every aspect of service planning and delivery, and include practical tips for service providers and others on how to understand what is going on in the hearts and minds of people we want to engage to help them get started, set goals, and choose language for reaching out.

The goal of the Connections Committee is to address the County's substance use and mental health crisis and listen to the voices of experience in the process of improving community services. The group consists of several service providers and individuals and is grateful to United Way and the Haliburton County Development Corporation for its continuing financial support.

Registration for the community education series is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County.

For more information or to register for the October event, contact Amanda Duncombe-Lee, Strategic Services Coordinator at Point in Time, at amandadl@pointintime.ca or visit www.pointintime.ca.

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When: Every Tuesday, 9am - 12pm
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When: Sept. 27 5 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: SIRCH Bistro, 49 Maple Ave., Haliburton
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Where: Stanhope Firefighters Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands
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Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
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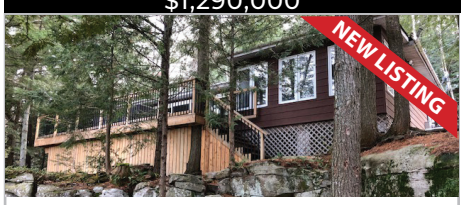

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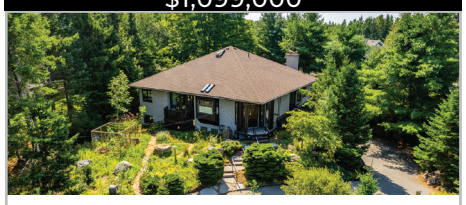

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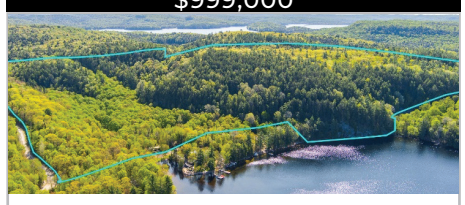

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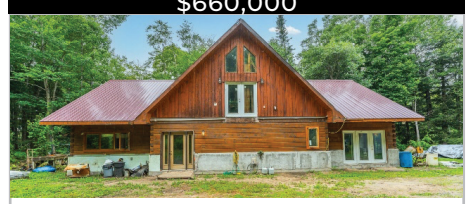

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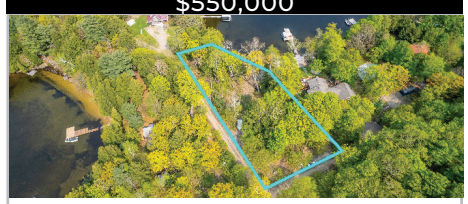

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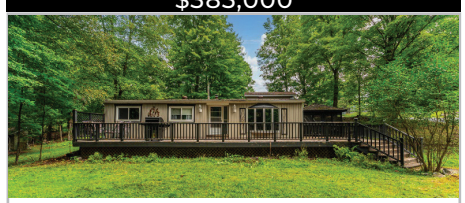

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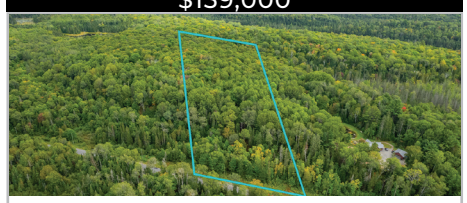

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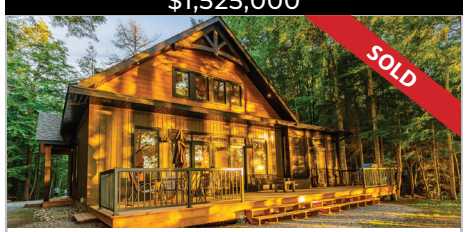

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New faces will be seen at Minden council table

There are bound to be some new faces around the Anson, Hindon and Minden Township Council table after the November election.

The fact was revealed this week in a poll of present members of the council. Two have indicated they do not intend to seek re-election and a third has yet to decide whether he will allow his name to stand again.

The two who are stepping down from the post of councillor are Stu Brandon and Len Lonsberry. Brandon told The Times earlier this week that business pressures and commitments in other areas made it difficult for him to continue on the council. Brandon is the president of the Minden Rotary Club and manages Northland Surplus, a store owned by his father.

Len Lonsberry has been forced to withdraw from council activities for health reasons. His doctors have advised him not to participate in the next election and he will be retiring from his position as manager of the local Brewer's Retail outlet as well. "It is a decision I regret," Lonsberry commented. "I enjoyed serving on the council."

Minden Reeve Sinclair Nesbitt has indicated his intention to seek election to the same position on the new council as has Deputy Reeve Doug Pritchard.

Councillor Lyle McKnight is the only member of council who has yet to declare his intentions. McKnight said he expected he would know within the week whether he would seek re-election to the local council.

Only one individual, who is not a member of the council at this point, has indicated his intention of running in the municipal election. Leroy Lichty, the owner of The Brown Owl Restaurant and Gas Bar has said he will run for the position of councillor in the municipality.

Lichty told The Times that he was disturbed by some of the decisions the council had been making lately and wanted to become involved in the township business. He said there was a need in the community to create more jobs and suggested that land should be set aside for light industry. He said an industrial base would strengthen the economy of the region.

The two representatives from Anson, Hindon and Minden on the county school board are Lloyd Johnson and Don Booth. Johnson said earlier this week that he had yet to decide whether he would allow his name to stand for the position of trustee. He said he expected to have his mind made up by early next week.

Booth said pressures of business and outside interests would probably force him to not take part in the November campaign. "It is very doubtful at this point whether I will be running," Booth said.

According to Township Clerk-Treasurer Elinor Burke no candidates have officially filed their papers with her office at press time, Tuesday. Candidates have until October 20 to present their nomination papers to the local clerks.

Lutterworth

The council team that came to power in Lutterworth Township two years ago will all be seeking re-election this November.

Reeve Ron Gambell, Deputy Reeve Glynne Lewis and Councillors Bill Valentine, Bill Prentice and Al Stott, have indicated they intend to run as a team.

All of the members of the present council stated they enjoyed working with each other and felt they had accomplished a great deal in the past two years.

So far no other candidate has indicated his or her intention in Lutterworth Township.

Mrs. Cheryl Murdoch, Lutterworth's representative on the Board of Education for the past two years has indicated that she will be seeking to retain her seat on the board.

Stanhope

All members of Stanhope Township council, with the exception of one councillor, are seeking re-election this November.

Incumbent members of council announced their intentions last Thursday to Times columnist Alex Stevenson. The only member who has decided not to run again is newcomer Roger Woods.

Reeve Jim Harrison will be going after the same post once again, as will Deputy reeve Elgin Stouffer. Councillor Elvin Johnson and Harry Davis are also seeking re-

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Champions! These ladies captured top honours in the Haliburton County Ladies Softball League this past season. The Minden Senior team defeated the squad from West Guilford to take the title. They are seen here during the awards banquet and dance Friday evening in Haliburton. Members of the team include, from the left, front row, Joan Paul, Marilyn Walker, Andrea Burk and Sherry Walker, second row, Lynn Osinchuk, Dianne Warnes, Nelda Cully and Barb Barnhart, third row, John Hewson, coach, Ann Hewson, Debbie Dart, Wayne Cully coach, Marlaine Wilson and Marg Fielding. Not present when the photograph was taken are team members Yolanda McCormick, Gwen Walker, Patti Lou Vasey, Lyn Winans and Helen Burk, the captain.

First phase of complex begins

The first phase of construction for the library/cultural centre complex was approved at the Wednesday evening meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council.

The council awarded the contract for the construction of two cement slabs to Big C Construction Company of Haliburton. The bid accepted by the council was $26,100. Don Campbell Construction of Minden was the only other firm to submit a tender on the project.

Two cement pads are being built on the site on Bobcaygeon Road North. The larger slab will be a base for the library and cultural centre while the smaller one at the back of the lot will be used for the present library, which will be moved to the site and maintained as a historical building and museum.

According to the terms laid down by the council, the work is to be completed by October 14. Workmen from the company were on the site the morning after the resolution was passed and work has been proceeding swiftly since then.

Councillor Len Lonsberry, who has been the municipality's representative on the library building committee signed the resolution accepting the tender. He commented, "It has been a long time coming. I am glad to see this day."

The council went ahead with the slab construction and the proposal that the building could "float" on the wet soil in the area despite a report from soils engineers in Peterborough which indicated that further action should be taken before the building is erected there.

In a report to council, Site Investigation Services Limited suggested that if the council wanted to build the complex in that location it should follow one of three procedures to ensure a secure foundation. These included (a) excavating the organic sub soils, which they stated were not deep in the area, and replacing them with compacted clean gravel fill; (b) placing a heavy load of soil on the site through the winter to compact the existing organic sub soil or (c) driving wooden piles down at least 30 feet.

The report also suggested the building be relocated on the site to the westerly or southerly location where the organic sub soil was not thick.

Reeve Sinclair Nesbitt said he was convinced the slab would work and indicated that other buildings in the community have been constructed on a floating pad.

The council agreed with this assessment and endorsed the resolution giving Big C Construction the green light to begin work on the long awaited complex.

Ratepayer group first meeting - 36 in attendance

It appears that a ratepayers group will be formed in the townships of Anson, Hindon and Minden. An organizational meeting held September 23 drew 36 people according to organizer J.O. Jackson. "A number of others called to say they were interested but were unable to attend the meeting so it appears we have enough people to form a group," Jackson commented.

Among those attending the meeting Tuesday were three individuals representing area cottage and lake associations.

He reported that those attending discussed a number of issues of concern to area taxpayers including what Jackson describes as the disparity between the amount of taxes contributed to county purposes by ratepayers from this municipality in comparison to other townships.

The only resolution passed by the group was that they would meet again in the near future to elect an executive and formally draft their aims and objectives. "I think the group should meet in early October, certainly before October 20", Jackson commented. Nominations for positions on area boards and councils in the upcoming municipal election close on that date.

Jackson suggested that the group might consider urging some of its members to seek municipal office or actively support those candidates who reflect the views of the association. The spokesman stated that he had been approached by a number of individuals about running in the election, but that he had not made up his mind.

Those attending the meeting also discussed the possibility of levying a $1 membership fee to cover the costs involved in getting the organization operational. Those in attendance were also urged to bring a friend to the next meeting to help swell the membership.

Jackson noted that notices mailed out to Minden Post Office box holders were late in arriving at the post office. This resulted in a number of area residents not receiving their notice until the day after the meeting was held. "I apologise for that", Jackson commented. "In the future we'll attempt to provide lots of warning so people can plan to attend."

While a day for the next meeting has yet to be set, Jackson said this newspaper will be informed well in advance so that those residents interested in attending the meeting can plan to do so.

$106,165 debenture approved

Minden Township Council has approved a by-law allowing for the borrowing of $106,165. The by-law was approved at the September 24 meeting.

The money will be used to purchase the water reservoir and pipe leading down the side of the hill from the Ontario Government. The amount to be borrowed had been set at $140,000, but $35,000 had been "forgiven" by the province.

The debenture issue will run for a 30 year term with an interest rate of 9.025%.

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